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25X1A 1. A municipal employee said   that the Flak Kaserne on Geusaer Strasse, Merseburg (N 52/D 91), quartered the headquarters and four batteries of an artillery unit. The number of troops in the installation allegedly was 850, including officers. Eight officers and about 350 MI wearing red-bordered black epauletts were seen leaving the barracks building north of the main gate. At the same time, about 150 soldiers were seen at athletic activities and other duties.

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2. Municipal records showed that 50 Soviet officers were billeted in houses on Rheinstrasse, Lupperweg and Bahnweg.

3. According to the delivery records of a Merseburg bakery, the installation on Geusaer Strasse was occupied by close to 900 troops.

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25X1A \*   Comment. According to previous reports     also listed in the present report, the Flak Kaserne quarters component units of the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.   The estimate of about 900 troops in the installation is probably correct.

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